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Marginal Column

BY WILLIAM CLARK
OFNS correspondent
at Paris Conference

THE Conference of Deputy Foreign Ministers is deadlocked over whether the agenda for the proposed Foreign Ministers' conference should be couched in general terms without any suggestion for solutions of the various items or whether it should be drawn up in terms pointing to specific solutions. In essence, this means that the Russians still hope to make any Big Four Foreign Ministers' meeting turn on the question: Is the West prepared to stop rearming Germany? As Dr. Philip Jessup pointed out, this is the classic form of the legal question: Have you stopped beating your wife? The West will have none of it.

Mr. Ernest Davies has said that every subject which the Russians wish to have discussed could be raised under the West's proposed agenda. The remilitarization of Germany could be raised, for example, under item one of the Western agenda as "a cause of tension in Europe" although in his opinion it was an effect and not a cause of tension. The Western agenda, unlike the Russian, was drawn up in neutral terms to which both sides could easily subscribe. In an angry speech Mr. Gromyko retorted that the Soviet agenda was correct because it set in the foreground the questions that must be solved, while the Western agenda showed these questions, particularly the need to demilitarize Germany, into the background. The Soviet delegation was also disturbed to see no reference in the Western proposals to the withdrawal of the occupying forces from Germany.

Dr. Jessup said that the anxiety of the free world was caused by the weight of Russian armament and the past international practices of the Russian government. This tension could only be relieved if the balance between the Russians and the rest of the world was somehow redressed and Russia gave assurances that she would mend her ways. It was in the hope of getting such an assurance that Dr. Jessup wanted to see a meeting of Foreign Ministers.

DOCTOR Jessup dealt with the points of similarity between the Western and the Russian views on an agenda: both wanted the Foreign Ministers to ascertain the causes of tension and find the means to lessen them; both wished to discuss the level of armament; particularly German rearmament; both wished to discuss the Austrian treaty and deal with such other German questions as the unity of Germany and a peace treaty. The problem was to find a formula under which all these matters could be discussed by the Foreign Ministers, but which would be descriptive rather than a guide to action. Paris, March 11.

Yugoslavia Tells UN Of USSR Attacks

BELOGRADE, Saturday, (Reuters).—Yugoslavia will lay the question of her relations with Russia and East-European countries before the U.N. if Soviet aggressive pressure does not cease, Deputy Foreign Minister Ivan Vojvoda stated today. He was answering reporters' questions on the white paper Yugoslavia had sent to the U.N. Secretary-General and to all countries with whom she has diplomatic relations—except those of East Europe—accusing the Soviet Union of applying military pressure against her. It was not being submitted to the U.N. as such. The white paper alleged that between June, 1949, and July, 1950, the Soviet Union and other East European countries had:

New Cabinet Crisis in Syria

DAMASCUS, Saturday.—Premier Nazem el Kudsai, leader of the Peoples Party Cabinet, last night submitted his resignation to the Syrian President, Hashem el Atassi. Khalid Bey el Azem, former premier in 1949, was asked to form a new cabinet. Latest reports from Damascus radio, however, state that el Azem failed to form a new cabinet and that the outgoing Premier, Nazem el Kudsai, has been asked by the President to remain in office and try to form a government.

Turkish P.M. Forms New Government

ANKARA, Saturday, (Reuters).—Prime Minister Adnan Menderes announced a new Turkish Cabinet today after formally resigning on Thursday night to facilitate a reshuffle. A big Cabinet reshuffle has been expected for several months, but political circles understood that Nihat Eriboz, Minister of Agriculture, refused to resign. The Prime Minister had, therefore, to offer his own resignation and that of the whole cabinet. Premier Menderes formed his Ministry in May 1950 after an election in which the Democrats swept the poll after 25 years of Republican Party rule. The Democrats won 434 seats. It was the first time they had contested all Turkish constituencies against the Republicans, led by Ismet Inonu, Turkey's unchallenged leader since the death of Kemal Ataturk. Ministers in Premier Menderes' new Turkish Cabinet include: Deputy Premier Saaded Agaoğlu, National Defence, Hulusi Keyvenen; and Finance, Hossan Blatkan.

Iran Cabinet Resigns; Deputies Oppose Shah's Naming Premier

TEHRAN, Saturday.—Cabinet Ministers appointed by the late Premier Razmara left their posts today to prepare the way for the formation of a new Government. Khalil Fahimi, appointed Acting Premier on Wednesday, will carry on direction of the Government with the under-secretaries of various ministries. Under Iranian law cabinet ministers automatically lose their posts on the death of the Premier.

Political circles indicated today that Fahimi will hold office for a term ranging from four days to a month. Observers here believe that public security at the moment is sound. The authorities had not considered it necessary to proclaim martial law.

In a Majlis (Parliament) session yesterday some deputies maintained that since there is at present no Prime Minister, there is no government and that Fahimi has no right to appear before the House as such.

Shah's Nomination Several deputies insisted that the Majlis should itself choose the Prime Minister, and not vote on somebody proposed by the Shah, as was done in the case of the last two Prime Ministers—Ali Mansur and Ali Razmara.

Pakistan Army Head Held for Treason

LAHORE, Saturday (Reuters).—Pakistan's Prime Minister, Liaquat Ali Khan, yesterday announced the arrest of the Chief of Staff and his wife, a Brigadier and an editor, after discovery of a plot which aimed to create chaos in the country by violent means and to subvert the loyalty of the Pakistan defence force. The arrested are:

General Akbar Khan, Chief of Staff, who was one of three Pakistanis to take over the higher army command from British officers early this year; his wife, daughter of Begum Shah Nawaz, one of Pakistan's foremost leaders; Fair Ahmed Fair, poet and editor of the left-wing "Pakistan Times"; Brigadier Latif, commander at Quetta.

The Prime Minister said the two officers had been dismissed from the service but withheld details of the plot for reasons of national security. The conspiracy was uncovered "well before it could take root," he said.

STEVENS TO LONDON

CAIRO, Saturday, (Reuters).—The British Ambassador to Egypt, Sir Ralph Stevenson, will leave for London tomorrow in connection with proposals to be put before the Egyptian government, the British Embassy stated here yesterday.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

Dr. Philip Jessup, dismissed head of the American state authorities, after resigning for corruption in Nazi violation and chairman of the American Senate Committee, was arrested in Washington on charges of espionage and fraud.

Iraq Freezes Emigrants' Property

BAGHDAD, Saturday (Reuters).—Parliament today approved a bill freezing Jewish property and bank accounts in Iraq.

The bill covers only Jews deprived of Iraqi nationality. A number of Iraqi Jews have been deprived of Iraqi nationality at their own request, in accordance with a law passed in March last year authorizing them to leave the country if they wished to do so. The law was prompted by the smuggling of Jews out of the country, it is stated here, and was intended to provide legal exit for those wishing to leave.

Under the new bill, a foreign property commission will take charge of the property of the 100,000 Jews who up to yesterday had been deprived of Iraqi nationality by registering for emigration to Israel. Jews who have declined to give up Iraqi nationality will go on being treated as any other Iraqi citizen, it is stated.

Banks in Iraq closed down today by government order. Thirty thousand Jews deprived of Iraqi nationality have left for Israel and 70,000 are awaiting an aircraft. Twenty-five thousand are remaining Iraqi nationals.

Cairo Paper: Israel Has Sherman Tanks

"Secret reports" submitted to Egyptian army headquarters claim that the Jews are sending heavy equipment and arms, including Sherman tanks and armoured cars, to the southern armistice lines, according to the Cairo "A-Nida."

High-ranking officers have met to consider taking similar measures, the paper said. The alleged Israel action was said to be in violation of the armistice agreement, which forbids heavy equipment along the lines.

Iran Sharply Divided On Oil Question

TEHRAN, Saturday (Reuters).—Two distinct reactions here appeared after the unanimous vote by the Parliamentary Oil Committee in favour of nationalizing the oil industry.

These are: 1) The moderate view which considers oil to be a purely business proposition from which the utmost financial advantage for Persia should be taken; 2) The view held by the oil crusaders who treat oil as almost a sacred issue, involving the country's prestige, liberation from foreign influence, sovereignty and independence. This group favours nationalization even if it involves a financial loss.

Ministries' Views

General Razmara, shortly before his assassination, read out replies from the various technical bodies and ministries on the question of oil nationalization. The replies given were uniformly unfavourable to nationalization and Razmara quoted figures to show that it would be technically impossible to run the oil industry at present with only Persian engineers. The reply from the Ministry of Justice showed that Persia could not legally agree to the 1953 oil agreement with the Anglo-Iranian Company, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs advised against antagonizing a great power in the present state of the world.

International Aviation Centre Opened in Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV, Saturday.—Aviation representatives in Israel inaugurated the International Aviation Centre here yesterday. The Centre will provide premises where local and foreign aviation officials can meet, relax, exchange information, or do business.

The Minister of Communications, Dr. Dov Joseph, who was guest at the inaugural luncheon, outlined Government plans for assisting aviation in Israel, and reassured airline officials that the process of converting their local currency is to be greatly speeded and simplified.

During 1951, Dr. Joseph announced, sufficient equipment is to be bought and sufficient personnel trained in that complete maintenance and overhauling services can be provided at Lydda Airport. The money needed will come from the American loan.

Dr. Joseph said that 10,000

GOLD PASSES IL. 21 MARK

TEL AVIV, Saturday.—The price of gold sovereigns rose to slightly more than IL. 21 here yesterday. Following the announcement of another IL. 20 increase in the currency circulation last week, prices of "Kings" rose rapidly from about IL. 18.500 to more than IL. 20 on Thursday. The bourse was closed, but by mid-day unofficial offers of IL. 20.600 were being made. When the bourse opened yesterday, the price rose slightly to a few prutas above IL. 21.

British Army To Exercise in Sinai

CAIRO, Saturday (Reuters).—British troops will take tanks, guns, carriers and tents into the Sinai desert for 12-day military exercises beginning on Monday, a British military spokesman said here today.

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Morrison Heads Foreign Office; Bevin in Cabinet

LONDON, Saturday, (Reuters).—Mr. Ernest Bevin has resigned as Britain's Foreign Secretary and is succeeded by Mr. Herbert Morrison, 62, Deputy Prime Minister. It was officially announced last night. Ailing Bevin—he is 70 today—will stay in the Cabinet as Lord Privy Seal.

Viscount Addison takes over Mr. Morrison's job as Lord President of the Council. Mr. Clutter Ede remains Home Secretary, but also takes over Mr. Morrison's duties as leader of the House of Commons. Lord Addison continues to be leader of the House of Lords. The new appointments will not come into effect until a Privy Council has been held, probably early next week.

Britain's new Foreign Secretary is the most forceful figure in the government and labour movement. Mr. Morrison is a short, stocky Londoner, and the strategist who expects to guide the Labour Party to victory in elections. He is expected to move into the Foreign Office on Monday for his first high level talks with foreign diplomats.

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Arab Legion Gets Over 6m. from U.K.

LONDON, Saturday (Reuters).—Britain has earmarked \$2,512,000 as her contribution to the upkeep of Jordan's army during the coming financial year, it was disclosed in civil estimates published here yesterday.

This figure, which includes a grant of £12,000 for the maintenance of roads, shows a sharp increase on the £4,912,000 voted last year. In addition, £2.5m. has been allotted for relief of Palestine refugees.

Other outstanding items were: £9,600,000 for reconstruction in Korea; £2,250,000 for the estimated excess over normal costs of British forces operating in Malaya in 1951. This figure is over twice the £1m. allocated for this purpose last year; £650,000 to the Federation of Malaya to help build additional battalions of the Malay Regiment; £2,037,000 as a contribution to help colonial governments in Africa build up their armed forces.

The foreign list showed these allocations: £2,750,000 for a short term interest loan to Burma; £115,000 for expenses of the Council of Europe (compared with £160,010 last year); £1,690,000 for the U.N. expenses.

Anglo-Yemen Pact On Frontiers

LONDON, Saturday (Reuters).—Britain and the Yemen have agreed to establish diplomatic relations and set up a joint commission on frontier disputes. The agreement, reached in London last autumn, was published today.

The Yemen in 1949 occupied a frontier fort, claimed by Britain as part of the territory of Aden, the adjoining British protectorate. The fort was subsequently bombed by the R.A.F. There have been reports that the disputed territory may be oil-bearing.

Algerian Governor General Resigns

The Governor General of Algeria, Edmond Naegelen, has resigned today, according to authoritative sources in Paris. A Ministry of the Interior spokesman said Mr. Naegelen had resigned at Friday's routine meeting of French North African officials. It was added that he wished to go forward as a Socialist candidate at the forthcoming general elections. Mr. Naegelen has been Governor General of Algeria since February 1948. His appointment was renewed for the fourth six-month term last Sunday.

Russia Says No To New Draft

PARIS, Saturday (Reuters).—The three Western Powers submitted a revised agenda to meet Russian criticism at the deputies' meeting today but failed to reduce Soviet opposition. At the end of this week, the deputies were still far from drawing up an agreed agenda for a Foreign Ministers' conference.

Chinese Postpone Expected Attack

TOKYO, Saturday.—U.N. divisions moved forward steadily north of the Han river and on the central Korean front today against what a Ninth Corps spokesman called "a retreating enemy."

Small gains were made everywhere against little opposition, except in the east. But field reports from the UN had sent forward nothing bigger than patrols.

The Communists' apparent sudden change of plan—two days ago they were reported pouring troops south for a showdown battle—seemed to indicate, observers said, that they will launch the spring offensive, against which General MacArthur had warned, from north of the 38th Parallel.

There were fierce clashes north of Paganm—about 93 kms. east of Seoul—last night. The British 27th Brigade won about 2,000 metres east of Yongduri—a about 35 kms. east of Seoul—during the day.

Greek troops advanced six kms. while American 24th Division spearheads captured an important hill about 36 kms. east of Seoul which dominates the ground ahead for many kilometres.

No Activity

An Eighth Army communiqué said "No significant enemy activity was reported in the area south and west of Seoul as friendly units continued to probe enemy positions north of the Han river and patrol in their sectors."

Today's heaviest battles were for control of the lateral highway running from Hoengsong to Paganm.

Allied fighters and light bombers got off to a late start because of low visibility, but had flown 520 sorties by dusk, claiming 400 killed or wounded, and one tank and 46 vehicles destroyed.

In operations for the week ending March 9, the air force claimed 2,600 Communists killed or wounded in the record number of 3,750 sorties. Pilots reported 534 vehicles destroyed and 229 damaged.

CZECH PRELATE UNDER ARREST

PRAGUE, Saturday, (Reuters).—Prague radio announced tonight that Archbishop Josef Beran has been placed in confinement outside Prague. The radio said that Monsignor Beran had been ordered confined outside the capital because he had "acted against the penal law."

Father Antonin Stehlik, 47, until a week ago a priest in a Prague suburb, will take over the office of the Archbishop. The radio said that Father Stehlik was a good democrat and had "always supported the people's democratic regime."

De Gasperi, Sforza To Visit England

LONDON, Saturday, (Reuters).—Premier Alcide de Gasperi and Foreign Minister Count Carlo Sforza will have two full days of official talks here next week, it is announced.

They will lunch with the King and also with Mr. Attlee. They will visit Mr. Winston Churchill and be received at the House of Commons. It is not known whether they will meet the Yugoslav parliamentary delegation visiting London.

Queuille Held Up by Socialists

PARIS, Saturday (Reuters).—An unexpected and serious difficulty in constituting the new French cabinet arose tonight when the Socialist Party demanded the inclusion of an additional Socialist minister in the ministerial team. The Socialists argued that since Premier Henri Queuille had invited the popular Republican leader Georges Bidault to become one of the vice-premiers, this increased the number of Catholic Party

Wide Divergence

A French spokesman said the atmosphere at today's meeting was not very encouraging. The divergence of views will be very difficult to reconcile.

Mr. Ernest Davies (Britain) said the new draft took into account all the points to which the Soviet delegation attached importance, except the withdrawal of occupation forces from Germany. The wording of this Soviet item was unacceptable because its adoption would amount to a decision that the occupation forces should be withdrawn, a decision which was up to the Foreign Ministers, Mr. Davies added.

Dr. Philip Jessup, the American deputy, replied to an attack made yesterday by M. Gromyko against Dr. Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor. He described the attack as slander. The Soviet Government, Dr. Jessup said, might object to Dr. Adenauer because he was duly elected but surely M. Gromyko did not expect the Western Powers to accept anything in the agenda which upheld this view. The American deputy stressed that there was no rearmament in West Germany and added that the cause of tension was the vast forces of the Soviet bloc including large armed forces in East Germany.

Mr. Davies was sympathetic to London today where he will confer with the new Foreign Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison. He will return to Paris tomorrow night. The next meeting of the deputies is scheduled for Monday.

BONN REGIME ASKS FOR ALL-GERMAN ELECTIONS

BONN, Saturday, (Reuters).—The Allied High Commission is sending the West German government's note calling for free elections to Washington, London and Paris, an Allied spokesman said here today.

The note, which would, yesterday, asked the Western powers to discuss free democratic elections for all Germany with the Russians at the Four Power Conference. It was backed up by a declaration passed by an overwhelming majority in a special sitting of the Bundestag yesterday.

Sherman Rumoured Recalled to U.S.

ATHENS, Saturday, (Reuters).—Diplomatic quarters here believed yesterday that Admiral Forrest Sherman, American chief of Naval Operations, had suddenly been recalled to Washington owing to differences of opinion between Britain and the U.S. on Mediterranean defence.

They added that Admiral Sherman's sudden cancellation yesterday of this two-day visit to Athens did not mean that Greece had been abandoned by her Allies.

It had been rumoured that Greece would shortly be invited to take part in the Atlantic Pact. Recommendations to this effect were said to have been made in Washington. Premier Venizelos said today that he could not understand why Greece had not been invited to Mediterranean defence talks in Malta next week to examine problems connected with Central and East Mediterranean security.

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Social & Personal

Prime Minister Ben Gurion has left for Tiberias on a short holiday.

A telegram of condolence has been sent by Chief Rabbi Herzog to the Italian Jewish community following the death last week of Professor David Prato, Chief Rabbi of Rome.

A delegation of the Israel-American Friendship League was received on Thursday by the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Kenneth R. Davis, at the Embassy in Ramat Gan.

Dr. L. Langer, noted Argentinian physician, arrived in Israel by El Al on Friday. He was met at the Airport by Dr. H. Shohat, Director-General of the Ministry of Health, and Dr. Y. Kori, Chairman of Magen David Adom.

Mr. Walter Goehr, the conductor, arrived in Israel by El Al on Friday to conduct a series of concerts with the Kol Yisrael Orchestra. He was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Lella Goehr, who is on a photographic assignment for "Picture Post" and the "Observer".

Dr. F.R. Lachmann, representative of the Hebrew University in Latin America, has arrived in Israel on a short visit to consult with the University authorities.

Mr. Norman Shantz, Executive Director of Young Judaea in the U.S., has arrived in Israel at the invitation of the Scout movement and will be the guest of the Ministry of Education and Culture.

Mr. Shimon Perle, was unanimously elected president of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa General Merchants Association at a meeting last week. Mr. Herman Sternberg and Mr. Abraham Segal were elected vice-presidents.

Rabbi and Mrs. Barnett Brickner, of Cleveland, are now on a visit to Israel and are staying at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem.

Maimon Back From U.S.

LYDIA AIRPORT, Saturday (ITM).—Rabbi Y.L. Maimon, Minister of Religious Affairs, returned to Israel by El Al yesterday after a visit to the U.S.

He told reporters that during his visit he had not engaged either in fund raising or propaganda, but had met politicians and religious leaders, and had endeavored to explain to them some of the problems confronting Israel.

Rabbi Maimon was met at the airport by Ministry officials and representatives of the Mishnah Party.

MALHA TO ELECT COMMITTEE TODAY

Local elections are to be held in Malha, near Jerusalem, today. There are 210 eligible voters. They will choose a five-member committee from among 18 candidates.

The village, which was a cooperative settlement of the Jewish Agency, passed to the care of the Ministry of the Interior in January.

Mapam Council For Conference Decision

TEL AVIV, Saturday.—The Mapam Council, meeting here this week-end, upheld the decision of the party centre to hold a national conference this April before the Knesset elections.

The vote was taken by a majority comprising Hachomer Ha-tair and their supporters, while the Ahdut Avoda group and part of Poalei Zion opposed it.

Agency Settlement Section Reshuffled

The Jewish Agency Settlement Department has been reorganized, and is now divided into three sections covering the northern, central and Negev regions.

Mr. G. Levy has been appointed head of the northern district office in Haifa; Mr. H. Ben Haim, of the central district office in Tel Aviv, and Mr. M. Kahanovitz, of the Negev district office in Beerseba.

A new Trades Division covering the agricultural advisory section, and the plants section, has also been set up. Mr. M. Kroll has been appointed head of the new division, and will take up his post on Thursday.

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Sulphur Shortage: Lack of Cement Hope in New Process Delays Hospitals

By Our Science Correspondent
The solution to Israel's critical shortage of sulphur, and therefore of sulphuric acid, could be achieved by sulphuric acid production on lines adopted by Britain several months ago, an expert states.

Sulphuric acid, without which many industries cannot operate, can be produced from a common mineral, iron pyrites. This mineral is found abundantly in Spain, North Africa and Cyprus, whereas pure natural sulphur is known to occur in easily accessible deposits only in Italy and the U.S. Neither of these countries is now willing to part with its sulphur, Israel's chief producer of sulphuric acid is the Fertilizer and Chemical Company Ltd. of Haifa, which is also considering the production of sulphuric acid from pyrites. The necessary conversion of the factory plant would take a year and cost approximately a million dollars.

Found Near Gaza
Even before the present world-wide sulphur crisis developed, many experts considered it a mistake to construct an acid factory based on elementary sulphur, a monopoly of the U.S. and Italy. Actually, Israel also possesses sulphur deposits near the Gaza strip, but due to their poor quality, scarcity, and location, they have not been exploited until recently. About a month ago digging was recommenced, but production could not be anything but negligible. Recent reports of sulphur deposits in the Negev were exaggerated.

The quantity of sulphuric acid used by any country is generally considered to be the key to that nation's industrial output. Israel requires 20-30 tons of acid per day, and the Haifa factory must produce about 20 tons daily in order to cover costs. Up to now production has been slightly below this minimum figure. In normal times, about two thirds of the acid production is needed in industry. The remainder is needed for agriculture in the form of phosphate fertilizer, which requires sulphuric acid for its manufacture. In addition, raw sulphur is a valuable fungicide, particularly for the protection of grapes.

At the instance of the government and industry itself, the Haifa plant has agreed to make a part of its sulphuric acid available to local industry, rather than put it into production of fertilizers. Up to last month Israel was producing about half of its sulphuric acid requirements. Now production has been severely curtailed and may have to stop completely; a new detergent plant in the Haifa bay has been unable to start work even though its facilities and raw materials have been ready for two months, all for lack of the essential acid.

Iron Residue
Sulphuric acid obtained from pyrites is, in effect, cheaper than that produced from sulphur, since a valuable iron residue is left as a by-product of the manufacturing process. In Britain, production has been stopped in some plants in order to enable them to convert their machinery to the exploitation of pyrites. In addition, extensive experimentation of sulphur gases that form part of the smoke of heavy industries, and on the extraction of sulphur deposits produced by bacteria in lakes. The latter possibility is being investigated in Libya and other parts of Africa. The U.S. has been estimated to possess enough sulphur only for the next 25 years, and the new processes gain in significance from the limited quantities of natural crude sulphur known to exist.

The crucial importance of the mineral can be appreciated when it is realized that practically all chemical processes in industry require sulphuric acid at some stage. In addition, inability to produce other critical chemicals requiring sulphur for their manufacture further increases the shortages.

Jerusalem Cinemas
At 1.30 & 8.30 p.m.
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EDISON: Stromboli.
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10-4: Works by Israeli Artists; Tel Aviv Museum.
12-2: 5.45 p.m.: "Special Appeal"; L.L. Lo Theatre; Jachia Heifetz Hall.
9 p.m.: "Hotel de Commerce"; Chamber Theatre, Moghri.
HAIFA
8 a.m.-1.30 p.m.: "Theological and Scientific Library"—Central Synagogue Bldg., Baboy Gild.
10-11: 6.45: "Museum"; Museum, 3 Haifa Street.
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HAIFA: Pevner, 27 Pevner, 6773, Weisel Lebon, 31 Kingsway, 2888, Haifa Bay, 7284, Kiryat Beit, 7285.

For Defence
Defence building had also been increased lately, he said, adding that this category had formerly been "neglected." Immigrant housing needs were allocated 30 per cent of the output, and small quantities were being released to complete the veterans' housing schemes and "compassionate cases."

Mr. Noy pointed out that the veterans housing scheme in Tel Aviv was receiving only one-third of the required cement allocation, thus slowing down work considerably. Private builders were getting no Neshet cement at all except against the payment of foreign exchange—and there was no chance that they would get any during the coming three months, Mr. Noy stated.

Output is not expected to increase for another year, when the Shimshon works and the Neshet plant at Ramle are due to start production.

Manufacturers Life MAKES GOOD PROGRESS
The new business of the Manufacturers Life Insurance Company, Toronto, during 1950 was \$22m. greater than that written in the previous year and amounted to \$179m.

Payments made to policy holders totalled \$23m. The rate of interest earned on the \$423m. assets was 4.25 per cent, an increase of 0.20 per cent over the previous year. The past year has been a record year for the Company's organization in Israel, new business being nearly 50 per cent more than the 1949 total.

TECHNION BACK H.U.
Haifa Technion defeated their rivals, Hebrew University, by 8-7 in a handball game in Haifa last week-end. The visitors led 3-2 at half-time.

NEW ATHLETIC RECORDS
Two new Maccabi women's records were established at a light athletics meeting held at the Stadium, Tel Aviv, last week-end. Olga Vilsberg, of Ramat Gan, improved on her own record in the women's shot-put, by covering 10.95 m., an increase of 0.70 m. Tamara Metal, a new girls' discus throw distance with 26.72 m.

ON THE AIR
TEL AVIV: 42.9, 33.3 & 32.2 M.
JERUSALEM: 407 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.
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10.30 a.m. Music (R), 11.00 Musical Calendar (R), 12.30 p.m. Broadcast for Music (R), 1.30 p.m. Program for Hospitals, 1.50 Soldiers' Program, 1.55 Chess Championship, 2.00 p.m. Talk by S. Hon. 3.15 Protestant Service.
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F.A. Cup Semi-Finals Drawn

Both English Football League Football Association Challenge Cup semi-final games yesterday afternoon were goal-less draws. At Hillsborough, Sheffield, a fine match full of top-line soccer craft left Wolverhampton Wanderers and Newcastle United with honours even. At Maine Road, Manchester, Blackpool, whose game was affected by an injury to Stan Mortensen in the first 10 minutes, still had most of the play but could not net against a rugged Birmingham defence, despite Stan Matthews' usual wizardry. The sides meet again next Wednesday in replays.

RESULTS
F.A. Cup semi-finals
Wolverhampton 0 Newcastle 0
Blackpool 0 Birmingham 0

Local Soccer Results

Misladri Cup
T.A. Hap. 1 R. L. Hap. 1
Rehovot Hap. 6 Mishmar Hap. 2
S.C. Alit 0 T.A. Hap. 0
T.A. Bnei Yeh. 2 T.A. Hap. 1
Ra'ana Hap. 3 Ra'ana Hap. 3
Heraia Hap. 0 K. Saba Hap. 0

"Yot Le'Azara" Cup
T.A. Hap. 1 Rehovot Hap. 1
Jasman Hap. 4 She'arayim Hap. 2
T.A. Hap. 2 P.T. Hap. 2
Y. Hap. 5 Natanya Hap. 0
Jaffa Hap. 5 Tiberias Hap. 5

Fourth
Rehovot Hap. 0 R.G. Hap. 0
Rehovot Hap. 0 T.A. Hap. 0
T.A. Hap. 0 T.A. Shimonit Hap. 1
T.A. Hap. 0 T.A. Hap. 0
T.A. Hap. 0 Kfar S. Hap. 1
Ra'ana Hap. 3 Givat A. Hap. 1
Jaffa Hap. 3 Holon Hap. 0
Nathanya Hap. 5 Nathanya Hap. 1
Shimon Hap. 2 Ra'ana Hap. 0
Football League Upper Galilee
Malkiah 0 Kiryat Hap. 0
Dan 2 Kfar S. Hap. 0
Nathan Baruch Hap. 0 Hap. 0

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Nathanya Hap. 3 Beit Laid Hap. 0
Tiberias Hap. 4 Tiberias Hap. 1
Jasman Hap. 1 Kvutzat Telsin 0

Technion Beat H.U.
Haifa Technion defeated their rivals, Hebrew University, by 8-7 in a handball game in Haifa last week-end. The visitors led 3-2 at half-time.

NEW ATHLETIC RECORDS
Two new Maccabi women's records were established at a light athletics meeting held at the Stadium, Tel Aviv, last week-end. Olga Vilsberg, of Ramat Gan, improved on her own record in the women's shot-put, by covering 10.95 m., an increase of 0.70 m. Tamara Metal, a new girls' discus throw distance with 26.72 m.

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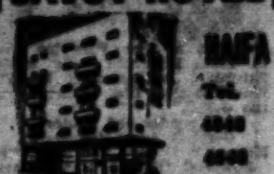
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Cables in Brief

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THE WORKERS of the Basrah Petroleum Company in Baghdad yesterday reached a four-month strike. They reached complete agreement with the company. The management of the company had said on March 1 that it could only consider the demands after resumption of work.

Belgium Sentences 3 Nazi Generals

BRUSSELS, Saturday (Reuter).— Belgium yesterday sentenced her war-time account with four German generals. Ernst von Falkenhausen, German military governor of Belgium and northern France during the occupation, was sentenced to 12 years' hard labour. Wartime head of the German civil administration, Egert Reeder got the same sentence.

Franz Bertram and Bernhard von Claer, wartime military governors of Liege, were also on trial. Bertram got ten years' hard labour; Von Claer was acquitted.

All were accused of the execution of 200 civilian hostages, deportation of Belgians to forced labour in Germany, deportation of Belgian prisoners to Nazi concentration camps and of Jews from Belgium.

Hjalmar Schacht, Hitler's finance minister, and Prince Albert de Liege, head of the Belgian Red Cross during the war, were sentenced to life imprisonment.

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AN EMERGENCY meeting of the Australian Cabinet in Canberra was called for Monday to discuss the implications of the High Court's invalidation of the act to outlaw the Communist Party.

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U.S. Rush Airfields In Turkey

ANKARA, Saturday (UPI).— American construction crews are rushing the completion of a ring of Turkish airfields for heavy bombers and fighters, the nearest of which is only three hours' flying time (1200 miles) south of Moscow.

The fields, some of which are new, while others are improvements of existing sites, will be able to handle planes carrying atom bombs, and will serve both defensive and offensive purposes.

Defensively, they will screen the great Middle Eastern oil fields, and complete Western defence of the Eastern Mediterranean, and the Suez Canal — as well as giving effective support from the East in the event of any Russian attack on Iran.

From an offensive point of view they will bring Western bombers within flying distance of Caucasus and Rumania.

'Guardian' Wants UN Loan to Israel

MANCHESTER, Saturday (Reuter).— The "Manchester Guardian" suggested today in a leading article that the U.N. should subscribe to a long-term loan to Israel to compensate Arab refugees for property they left in Israel.

The "Guardian" said Israel's ability to repay the loan was doubtful but that property could be made at a low rate of interest which would be virtually interest on the land property now rented to Jewish immigrants.

"Payment of interest would establish the principle of Israel liability, while the loan would provide ready money for resettling of the refugees," the paper said.

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Senate Passes Bill for First Peace Time Universal Draft

WASHINGTON, Saturday.— For the first time in American history, the Senate yesterday approved, by 79 to five, a draft law for universal military service in peacetime. The bill now goes to the House of Representatives, where considerable opposition is expected. The law would go into effect after the present emergency is over. It provides for six months' training for all men at the age of 18 and eight years of service in the reserves.

Pakistani Punjab Goes to Polls

By Rawle Knox
LAHORE, Saturday (OFNS).— The first elections under general adult suffrage ever to be held in this sub-continent — those to provide a Legislative Assembly for the Pakistani Punjab — are being regarded here with judicious cynicism.

Although five parties are going to the polls, the real struggle remains, as it has been in Pakistani Punjab ever since partition, the clash between the powerful rival landlords, Daultana and the Khan of Mamdot.

Mamdot, Premier in the first post-partition Parliament here, was disgraced and subsequently tried for various alleged malpractices when his Government was dissolved in 1948. Since then this province has been under direct government's rule.

Mamdot was however acquitted on all counts — a verdict which, as astute Prime Minister Liaquat Ali Khan knows well, saved him from becoming a martyr in the Punjab. He is still powerful enough to have formed his Jinnah Muslim League, which, allied with the Awami League of the inveterate Bengali rebel, Suhrawardy, is the most powerful opposition team.

Suhrawardy has little influence in the provincially-minded Punjab but Mamdot has the backing, both enthusiastic and enforced, of his many tenants in the Montgomery district and also of Lahore society for whom he always used to arrange the best cricket matches in preparation days.

Estimates put the likely opposition in the 1951-52 Assembly at between 30 and 60 seats. Liaquat Ali Khan and most of his Cabinet are campaigning with vigour, knowing that the Muslim League cannot afford to lose its grip on this key province of Pakistan.

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on Saturday adopted the budget for 1951 submitted by Finance Minister Arsen Zverev providing for state expenditure 14.7% higher than last year. This represents an increase of about four per cent. Defence appropriations totaling 14.7% include 74,000,000 rubles earmarked for the War Ministry and 23,000,000 rubles earmarked for the Navy.

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Diskin Orphanage Case Postponed

The Diskin Orphanage case was heard for the first time before Judge B. Sharnovsky in the Jerusalem District Court on Friday. A postponement was granted until March 26 at the request of some of the defendants.

The parties were ordered to submit all their arguments in writing within 10 days, and to be prepared to produce their evidence at the next hearing.

The case is brought by the Attorney-General under the Charitable Trusts Ordinance under which the institution, founded in Jerusalem 70 years ago, was registered in 1942. The Court is being asked to confirm a new scheme for the management of the Orphanage. The scheme incorporates most of the reforms proposed about 18 months ago by the Government-appointed Commission of Inquiry.

The Attorney-General alleges that an agreement was reached between the Government Department of Education and some of the trustees under which the reforms suggested would be implemented subject to certain amendments. The measures recommended are far-reaching in scope and cover all aspects of the Orphanage's management from repairs to the buildings to improvements in the teaching programme.

Hebrew, Not Yiddish

The more important provide for the change of the language of instruction from Yiddish to Hebrew, for Government inspection and for the teaching programme to be settled by a Committee of Government appointees and trustees.

The postponement was requested by Dr. M. Bushbaum, who appeared for Dr. M. Wallach, and by Dr. Y. Frank, who appeared for five other trustees. They stated that it was hoped that within a short time a complete agreement might be reached between all the parties interested as to the future administration of the institution.

Mr. C. Gluckmann, on behalf of the Attorney-General, agreed to the postponement only on condition that it was not prolonged and that all the defendants submit their contention in answer to the claim in writing. Three other trustees, Rabbi M. Glickman-Porush, Mr. S. Eder, and Mr. A. Ende, appeared in person. None of the remaining ten defendants was present.

Boy Runs Away, Prefers Work to Yeshiva Study

An 11-year-old boy who ran away from home because he wanted to learn a trade and earn his own living rather than study in a yeshiva was returned to his parents in Jerusalem on Friday.

The boy, Yosef Dubinsky, of the Nathan Houses near Mea Shearim, left home on Monday. He stopped a car near Sha'ar Hagai on Friday and asked for a ride to Tel Aviv. The driver handed him over to the police.

Yosef said he ate only grass during the five days. When first questioned by the police, he gave them a false name and address.

GOVERNMENT CONTROL

The Research Institute, now operated by the Jewish Agency, is shortly to pass to the Government control. The workers claim that whenever they have appealed for adjustments of their wages they have been told that the transfer will be effected "soon."

Meanwhile, other technical workers of the Jewish Agency have been receiving special technical pay since last June, while Government personnel with academic qualifications who are engaged in specialists' work have been receiving special allowances for some time.

The Histadrut's Trades Union Department is understood to be sympathetic towards the Institute workers' demands.

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The Management is not bound to accept the lowest or any offer.

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Black Market Fight Renewed

HAIFA, Saturday.— The general branch of the Haifa police has organized its personnel to renew the fight against the black market.

During the past week police were instrumental in tracing and confiscating 75 kilos of leather for orthopaedic shoes while a kilo was being illegally transported from a factory to a house in Rehov Yerushalayim.

Following a search at the factory, 100 more kilos were uncovered. The factory owner, two wholesalers and the buyers were arrested.

A considerable quantity of flour was also discovered while being illegally transported in a car. The flour and the car were confiscated. Two drivers and a wholesaler were arrested.

In Tel Aviv Area

Two donkeys, two tins of honey and a number of chickens on a truck driven by a Pardess Hanna butcher were confiscated by the inspectors of the Economic Division of the police during a search on roads leading to Tel Aviv on Thursday. The butcher was arrested.

Quantities of cheese, six kilos of butter, chickens and eggs were confiscated in an Egged bus during the same comb-out. No one claimed ownership of the goods.

A man was arrested while transporting four slaughtered chickens.

25 Per Cent Rise in Tonnage Handled at Haifa Port

Cargo handled by Haifa Port reached 6,280 tons daily in February, as compared with an average of 5,000 tons in January. Mr. B. K. Meerovitz, Director-General of the Port and Air Division of the Ministry of Communications, said at a recent meeting of the Port Council in Haifa.

Total cargo handled by the three ports in Israel during January and February reached 255,296 tons of which Haifa handled 228,000 tons as compared with 202,707 tons during the same period last year, an increase of 25 per cent.

The increase is largely due to the more efficient cooperation between the various Government departments operating in the Port, and to improved railway organization, he said. The number of stevedore gangs has also been increased from 60 to 80.

Traffic through the Tel Aviv-Jaffa port fell by 37 per cent to 29,000 tons during January and February, however, as against 46,000 tons in the same period in 1949.

Mr. Meerovitz also announced that the committee appointed for the construction of a new port in the south of the country had already begun work.

Citrus Handling

Mr. I. Rokach, Chairman of the Pardess Syndicate, requested that arrangements be made by the Port Authorities to handle between 6m. and 7m. cases of citrus next year, as against the 4m. expected to be exported this year.

The Council approved a proposal by Mr. Y. Almog recommending that the Minister of Communications appoint a special committee to investigate methods of increasing labour productivity in the ports and the lack of efficiency in the Tel Aviv-Jaffa port.

During the course of the meeting, the question of breakages and of transport difficulties arising from the shortage of tyres and spare parts was also discussed.

Hadassah Sets Up Pension Fund

A pension scheme is to be established for about 1,000 Hadassah employees under an agreement signed on Thursday.

Hadassah is to pay a sum equal to 11 per cent, and workers six per cent, of wages received. The retiring age will be 65 for men and 60 for women. The size of the pension paid will be two per cent of the monthly wage multiplied by the number of years of service up to a maximum of 60 per cent of the salary previously received.

Agreement was also reached on amendments to the work charter. Hadassah is the first of the national institutions in Israel to establish a pension fund for its employees.

A worker was slightly injured when he fell into an open cesspit in Jaffa on Thursday evening. He was rescued by passersby. The pit was left open for months and was not fenced.

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6 Hurt on Roads, 2 by Dan Buses

TEL AVIV, Saturday.— Six persons were injured in four accidents reported in the Tel Aviv area over the weekend. Two pedestrians were hurt by Dan buses, and the drivers were arrested.

Four-year-old Shlomo Harnan was hit by a taxi while crossing Rehov Harnan. He was taken to the hospital. The taxi driver, Shmuel Rosenberg, of Jaffa, was arrested.

While standing in a bus queue at Rosh Ha'ayin, Rahel Shaveh, 50, was hit by a Dan bus and severely injured on Thursday. She was taken to the Beilinson Hospital. The driver was P. Goldberg, of Petah Tikva.

In a collision between two cars in Rehov Ditzgoff at the corner of Rehov Arlosoroff last evening Max Greenspan was seriously injured and his wife slightly hurt. They were in a private car driven by Hannan Kaufman, of Tel Aviv, who was injured in the hand. The other car, a taxi, was driven by Y. Matison, who was arrested. Both cars were badly damaged.

"LOST" BOY IS WELL AGAIN

TEL AVIV, Saturday.— Yosef Sassoon, the five-year-old boy who was found after wandering 48 hours in the Bat Yam sand dunes last Monday morning, was last night reported to be greatly improved. He is expected to be discharged from hospital within the next few days.

Ramat Hashavim is to be raised to local Council status at a special ceremony to be attended by Cabinet Ministers and members of the Knesset today.

For posing as an Army officer and asking the Tel Aviv Town Mayor for payment and lodging while on "leave," Dov Peizer, of Tel Aviv, was remanded for seven days by Tel Aviv Magistrate Y. Magori on Friday.

A taxi driver was arrested in Tel Aviv on Thursday for overcharging.

Six boys, 12 to 14 years old, were arrested in Tel Aviv on Friday and charged with breaking into F. Kalkon's workshop in Rehov Gushen and stealing 300 kilos of copper. They were released on bail.

Five caused about IL600 damage in a safe at Kfar Salame on Friday morning. Three persons were arrested on suspicion of arson.

Shragai Asks Stand Against Girls' Draft

Even if the law should provide suitable safeguards for orthodox girls serving in the forces to enable them to continue their religious life, the lack of respect for religion among Army commanders will make these safeguards an illusion. Mr. S.Z. Shragai, the Mayor of Jerusalem, declared yesterday at a "Vocal Newspaper" of the Association of Religious Authors in the Bet Ha'am.

Calling upon all religious Jews to take a determined and disciplined stand against the proposed drafting of orthodox girls for national service, Mayor Shragai claimed that there was no need for the mobilization of girls upon security grounds. He said that the amendment to the present service law was introduced as a political manoeuvre.

Referring to the Natsori Karte, he said, "the fact that a small group, which has always schemed against the Jewish State, is also opposed to national service for girls and uses illegal means in its campaign, should not deter patriotic orthodox Jews from advocating the same principle."

Rabbi S. Zeivin maintained that the Bible and the Halachah (the legal portion of post-Biblical writings) strictly forbade military service for women.

P.C.C. RESUMES J'LEM MEETINGS

Discussions on the ninth progress report of the Palestine Conciliation Commission were begun on Friday at the Commission's first meeting since the return of its members to Jerusalem.

The report will be submitted to the U.N. Secretary-General this week and will be published simultaneously in Jerusalem and Lake Success. This will be the first progress report since the December 14 meeting of the General Assembly.

M.A.C. Survey Team Prepares Report

The report of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission mixed team which investigated the recent incidents at Bet Guvrin will be submitted to the M.A.C. on Tuesday, according to U.N. sources.

The team is scheduled to meet at Mandelbaum Gate today to prepare the report for the M.A.C.

The scheduled meeting of the Israel-Syria M.A.C. did not take place at Rosh Pina on Thursday following notification by the Israel delegation that questions raised at the M.A.C. meeting last week are still under consideration.

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Summer Fair and warmer with increasing cloudiness in the afternoon. Increasing cloudiness and fresh winds likely in the afternoon.

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